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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 30 September 2004 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☒ entered.

b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

The amendment to claim 36 changes the scope of the claimed microprocessor from further comprising reading devices to comprise programming to control the devices. The new limitations are fully supported by the original specification on pages 5 and 6 and do not affect the reasons for patentability. The amendments to other claims do not affect the scope of the claims. As the claims are still allowable, the amendment has been entered.

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